

ONE LAW FOR ALL: THE ROAD TO SALVATION



Definition of Law

1. A rule established by authority, society or custom. A. The body or system of such rules, c. The authority or control imposed by such a system of rules.

2 The body of precepts or principles held to express divine will, especially as revealed in the Bible.

(Websters Dictionary)

In the Hebrew scriptures, commonly known as the Old Testament, YHWH is designated as the source of law, the Supreme lawgiver (Isaiah 33:22), and the sovereign, delegating authority (Psalm 73:28; Jeremiah 50:25; Acts 4:24; Revelation 6:10), without whose permission or authority can be exercised. The concept of law is as natural as the natural laws governing our entire universe. It is a set of rules through which obedience or disobedience is expressed. One of the best examples of YHWH's law having dominion over mankind is in the Garden of Eden. We all know the story when Eve, being tempted by the serpent, ate of the forbidden tree of knowledge of good and evil. Then she convinced Adam to do the same. Long before the Law was given to Moses, one of the first expressed commandments from YHWH was that they not eat fruit from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Defiance of this commandment brought sin and death to mankind. As the Apostle Paul points in Romans 5:12-13 **"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned; for until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed where there is no law."**

Even later in the Biblical story when the law code had been

given to the children of Israel via Moses, the theme of disobedience is repeated throughout the scriptures. The law code, comprised of the Ten Commandments along with 613 laws, statutes and judgments, was a complete set of rules covering every facet of life.



Because the corrupt nature of the children of Israel, YHWH allowed them a covering for their sin through animal sacrifice. However, the children of Israel were only concerned about keeping the "letter of the law" with no sense of righteousness contained within the law. Eventually the Bible points out in Isaiah 59:15-21: "the Children of Israel became so corrupt and there was no man... so YHWH's own arm had to bring salvation."

The salvation Isaiah spoke so prophetically of was delivered to the world in the embodiment of Yahshua, the Hebrew Messiah, who became the redeemer for his people, the children of Israel (Matthew 1:21, Isaiah 9:6-7). After the Messiah's crucifixion and death, instead of sacrificing animals

to atone for sin, you now had to believe he was the son of YHWH and have faith in the fact that his blood was shed to cover the sins of mankind. The Apostle expressed in Romans 3:20-21:

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested (meaning Christ), being witnessed by the law and the prophets."



Paul goes on to say in Romans 3:31

"Do we then make void the law through faith? Yisrael forbid: yea, we establish the law." It is obvious by this statement that Paul's intention was to confirm that the law was still in effect even after the Messiah's death. In Romans 5:19-20, Paul points out that by Adam's disobedience many were made sinners, but by the obedience of the Messiah, many shall be made righteous. He further explains in verse 20, "Moreover the law entered, that the offense (sin) may abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. **"Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?"** He answers with **"Yisrael forbid."** (Romans 6:1-2). He then eliminates any question about the validity of the law with these key questions in Romans 7:7, **"Know you not, brethren (fellow Israelites) for I speak to them that know the law, how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?"** "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Yisrael forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

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